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Excitement Reaches a Flashpoint at DC

DC's biggest event of 2011 kicks off in May with the release of ***Flashpoint #1*** by *Geoff Johns & Andy Kubert*. Not a dream, not an imaginary story, not an elseworld. This is Flash Fact: When Barry Allen wakes at his desk, he discovers the world has changed. Family is alive, loved ones are strangers, and close friends are different, gone or worse. It's a world on the brink of a cataclysmic war—but where are Earth's Greatest Heroes to stop it? It's a place where America's last hope is Cyborg, who hopes to gather the forces of The Outsider, The Secret 7, S!H!A!Z!A!M!, Citizen Cold, and other new and familiar-yet-altered faces! It's a world that could be running out of time, if The Flash can't find the villain who altered the time line!

"When you open up the first issue, you'll enter an entirely new world that will be both familiar and new," *Geoff Johns* said at DC's blogsite ***The Source***. "Flash will learn what the universe would be like if the world's greatest super-heroes never became the world's greatest super-heroes. When, how and why everything changes and what that means to the future of the DC Universe will be answered in the series. Oh, and Andy Kubert has done an absolutely unbelievable job on the book. Wait until you see what's happened to Aquaman, Superman and Wonder Woman.

"You won't just see the DC Universe shaken up, you'll see characters you've never met who've come into existence because of the historical damage done to the past. From Element Woman to Blackout to the Outsider to the Resistance..."

Fifteen tie-in limited series will offer a look at this reshaped reality. ***Deadman and the Flying Graysons... Abin Sur the Green Lantern... Emperor Aquaman... Frankenstein and the Creatures of the Unknown.. Lois Lane and the Resistance... Citizen Cold...*** just the titles of a few of these series indicates how very different things are about to become!

DC will support ***Flashpoint*** with two different variant covers: a 1:25 sketch variant by *Andy Kubert* and a second variant by *Ivan Reis & George Pérez*, available through comic shops that meet preset order levels. Check with the friendly folks at your local comic shop for info on price and availability!

Flashpoint #1, a forty-page $3.99 comic, is slated for May 11th release; each subsequent issue of the five-part series will carry the same pagecount and price point. The various ***Flashpoint*** limited series tie-in books will be 32-page comics priced at $2.99 each.

Coming Comics—DC in May

Doomsday's back in *Paul Cornell & Kenneth Rocafort's* ***Action Comics #901***—and you've never seen him like this before! Doomsday's first appearance brought about the "Reign of the Supermen," where four characters – Superboy, Steel, Cyborg Superman, and Eradicator – came onto the scene to try to fill Superman's shoes. Now, with "Reign of Doomsday," it looks like Superman might need to fill their shoes!

Two-Face returns in *Tony Daniel's* ***Batman #710***. As an unknown villain targets Two-Face and other Gotham City crimelords for extermination, Batman discovers that Kitrina Falcone, a.k.a. "Catgirl," is next on the hit list!

Jason Todd—Batman's one-time sidekick, currently the anti-hero known as Red Hood—has been imprisoned in Arkham Asylum for the past several months. But after a period of good behavior, will a transfer to a lower-security prison mean reformation for Jason Todd... or is trouble waiting in the wings for Batman and Robin? Find out in ***Batman & Robin #23*** by *Judd Winick & Guillem March*.

In the five-part ***Batman: Arkham City***, *Paul Dini & Carlos D'Anda* bridge the gap between the videogame ***Batman: Arkham Asylum*** and its upcoming sequel. Trouble begins in a big way when an attack by a pair of super-powered twins increases the threat level and triggers Gotham City's new mayor to call for drastic measures as a new Arkham rises.

Batman arrives in an attempt to unite Black Lightning's team with Geo-Force's for the final battle against Veritas. But as one teammate is lost and others leave, Batman must determine if it's time to disband The Outsiders forever. (And here's a clue as to the decision: ***Batman and the Outsiders #40*** is the series finale!)

Batman's confrontation with the Demon, the main event in *David Finch's* ***Batman: The Dark Knight #4***, is now rescheduled for May release.

When a mystery as old as Gotham City itself surfaces, Batman assembles a team of his greatest detectives – including Red Robin, Owlman, I-Ching and others – to investigate this startling enigma in ***Batman: Gates of Gotham***, a six-part miniseries by *Scott Snyder, Kyle Higgins, & Trevor McCarthy*. Batman's team finds itself on a journey that explores different eras in Gotham's history and touches upon notable Gotham families including the Waynes, Kanes, and Elliotts. This miniseries, which spins out of recent events in the Batman titles, sets the stage for several storylines in 2011 while simultaneously touching upon story elements introduced in *Grant Morrison's* ***Return of Bruce Wayne***.

In *Grant Morrison & Chris Burnham's* ***Batman Incorporated #7***, Man-of-Bats and his protégé, Red Raven, continue to aid the Dark Knight in tracking down a shadowy, sophisticated killer.

A terrifying new villain stalks the innocent children of Gotham City in *J.H. Williams III & W. Haden Blackman's* ***Batwoman #2***. Can Batwoman stop this evil? And will she have any time left over to focus on her new relationship while avoiding a government agency that's awfully interested in her activities?

Dan Jurgens returns to ***Booster Gold*** with #44, a ***Flashpoint*** prelude that picks up after the events of ***Time Masters*** as Booster find that this world isn't the same as the one he left behind.

The striking art of *Brian Bolland* is spotlighted in ***Brian Bolland Cover to Cover HC***, a compilation of Bolland's cover art for DC. This spectacular collection includes rarely seen and never-before-published art, along with commentary from Bolland. (This hardcover is advance solicited for August release.)

The last stand of the future JLA is the focus of ***DC Universe Online Legends #7***. Batman's survived horrific injuries and outlived all his allies to try to implement a final, desperate gambit... but is Luthor trustworthy? Then in #8, Superman works to pick up the pieces after disaster befalls Metropolis.

His name is Eobard Thawne. He is the fastest man alive. He is the Flash of the 25th Century. You know who he is and how he got his speed. But you don't know the rest of the story. Find out how Thawne went from Flash to Reverse-Flash and what his mission is next in *Geoff Johns & Scott Kolins'* ***Flash #13***, the "Road to Flashpoint" finale that leads into the big event.

When an Arkham Asylum breakout threatens Harley Quinn, can Catwoman and Poison Ivy put aside their tumultuous history and work together to save Harley? *Peter Calloway, Andres Guinaldo, & Lorenzo Ruggiero* answer that question in ***Gotham City Sirens #23***.

What bigger plan is behind Galahad, The Demon, the forest, and the mysterious savior of ***Brightest Day***? Find out in ***Green Arrow #12*** by *J.T. Krul, Diogenes Neves, & Vicente Cifuentes*.

Hal Jordan, Guy Gardner, John Stewart and Kyle Rayner fight on against their fellow Lanterns—and the carnage escalates to savage heights in ***Green Lantern #66*** by *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy*, a "War of the Green Lanterns" tie-in.

In ***Green Lantern Corps #60*** by *Tony Bedard, Tyler Kirkham, & Matt Banning*, John Stewart and Kyle Rayner figure out their roles in the coming end the "War of the Green Lanterns" – but what that means will rock the Corps to its core!

Guy Gardner has seen the deadly prophecy of Krona – but what can he possibly do to stop it? Find out in ***Green Lantern: Emerald Warriors #10*** by *Peter Tomasi, Fernando Pasarin, & Cam Smith*.

DC gears up for the upcoming ***Green Lantern*** feature film with five prequel oneshots: ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Sinestro*** by *Geoff Johns, Michael Goldenberg, Fernando Dagnino*; ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Kilowog*** by *Peter Tomasi, Adam Schlagman, Joe Bennett, & Fabrizio Fiorentino*; ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Abin Sur*** by *Michael Green & Karl Kerschl*; ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Tomar-Re*** by *Marc Guggenheim & Cliff Richards*; and ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Hal Jordan*** by *Geoff Johns, Greg Berlanti, Donald De Line, & Jerry Ordway*. Each oneshot will feature a movie cover.

The international assassin Scarab seems to have targeted Bruce Wayne and Lucius Fox for assassination – but isn't she in jail? So who's using her MO? That's what Red Robin has to find out in ***Red Robin #3*** by *Fabian Nicieza, Marcus To, & Ray McCarthy*.

In *Gail Simone & J. Calafiore's* ***Secret Six #33***, someone has a card to free a soul from Hell forever – but who has it, and who gets to use it? And can you really spit in the devil's eye and get away with it? Find out in the conclusion to "The Darkest House."

Virgil Ovid Hawkins returns to his superhero guise as ***Static Shock*** rejoins the DC lineup courtesy of *Felicia Henderson, Scott McDaniel, and Jonathan Glapion*. First thing he has to figure out, though, is why did he lose his powers? And it's happened at a very inopportune time, as Bang Babies are popping up all over the country!

Courtesy your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

Superboy discovers that his evil side has taken charge, leading him to take over his hometown, in *Jeff Lemire & Marco Rudy's* ***Superboy #7.*** And as much as he wishes it were just a dream, the stakes are all too real in this tale that also introduces "The New Titans!"

Superman pays a visit to Sin City as the "Grounded" storyline takes The Man of Steel to Las Vegas in ***Superman #711*** by *J. Michael Straczynski, Chris Roberson, Eddy Barrows, & J.P. Mayer*! But waiting there for Superman is an out-of-control Livewire, who has become more powerful and erratic than ever.

In ***Superman/Batman #84,*** Superman must help the JLA of the future – Aquaman, Klarion the Warlock, Traci 13, Stanley and His Monster, Scream Queen and Jason Blood – in preventing Morgaine le Fey from traveling back in time to our era and destroying the sun! But Batman insists that you can't change the past, and with his time-travelling experience, he should know, right?...

The original Iron Maiden gets her moment in the spotlight in ***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents #7.*** What ties does this classic foe of the original team have to the current lineup? And what does it mean for the new Dynamo?

Who is behind Diana's altered reality? Who made the world forget that she is Wonder Woman? Who wants the Amazons dead? The answers are on their way in ***Wonder Woman #611*** by *J. Michael Straczynski, Phil Hester, Don Kramer, & Jay Leisten,* the penultimate chapter of "Odyssey."

Several DC series come to an end in May, including ***Doom Patrol, Freedom Fighters, JSA All Stars,*** and ***R.E.B.E.L.S.***

DC collected editions (featuring books slated for May, June, and July release) include:

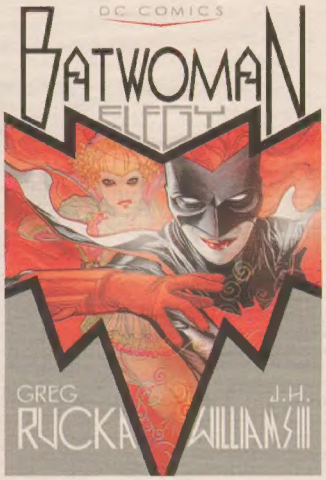
•***Absolute Identity Crisis,*** an oversized slipcased hardcover collecting the seven-issue miniseries by *Brad Meltzer, Rags Morales, & Michael Bair.* This hardcover includes a gallery of the variant covers, previously unpublished script pages, and more.

•***Aquaman: Death of a Prince TP,*** collecting the dramatic 1970s tale by *Steve Skeates, Paul Levitz, Mike Grell, Jim Aparo,* and others.

•***Arkham Asylum: Madness TP,*** a softcover edition of *Sam Kieth's* graphic novel.

•***Batman: Bruce Wayne—The Road Home HC,*** collecting the eight ***Bruce Wayne: The Road Home*** oneshots.

•***Batman: Knight & Squire TP,*** collecting the six-part series.



•***Batwoman: Elegy TP,*** collecting tales from ***Detective Comics #s 854-860.***

•***Batman: Red Hood—The Lost Days HC,*** collecting the six-part miniseries.

•***Batman: The Streets of Gotham—The House of Hush HC,*** collecting ***Streets of Gotham #s 12-14 & 16-20.***

•***DC Comics Presents: Batman—Dark Knight, Dark City #1,*** collecting *Peter Milligan* tales from ***Batman #s 452-454*** and ***Detective Comics #633.***

•***DC Comics Presents the Flash #1,*** collecting tales of time travel and the Rogues from ***Showcase #s 4 & 14*** and ***The Flash #s 125, 130, & 139.***

•***DC Comics Presents Green Lantern: Willworld #1,*** presenting the offbeat tale by *J.M. DeMatteis & Seth Fisher.*

•***DC Comics Presents: Son of Superman #1,*** collecting the Elseworlds tale by *Howard Chaykin, David Tischman, J.H. Williams III, & Mick Gray.*

•***Green Arrow: Into the Woods HC,*** collecting ***Green Arrow #s 1-6.***

•***Green Lantern Super Spectacular #1,*** featuring classic tales by *Geoff Johns, Alan Moore, John Broome, Darwyn Cooke, Gil Kane, Ethan Van Sciver,* and others.

•***The Jack Kirby Omnibus Volume 1 Starring Green Arrow HC,*** collecting Kirby tales from the pages of ***House of Mystery, House of Secrets, Tales of the Unexpected, My Greatest Adventure, All-Star Western, Adventure Comics, World's Finest,*** and ***Real Fact Comics.***

•***Justice HC,*** a single-volume compilation of the twelve-part series by *Jim Krueger, Alex Ross, & Doug Braithwaite.*

•***Justice League: Cry for Justice TP,*** collecting the seven-part miniseries.

•***Kane & Lynch TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries.

•***Power Girl: Bomb Squad TP,*** collecting ***Power Girl #s 13-18.***

•***Ratchet & Clank TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries.

•***Red Robin: Hit List TP,*** collecting ***Red Robin #s 13-17.***

•***Showcase Presents Doc Savage TP,*** collecting the black and white ***Doc Savage Magazine*** tales originally published by Marvel in the 1970s.

•***Superman Chronicles Volume 9 TP,*** collecting tales from ***Action Comics #s 47-52, World's Finest #s 6 & 7,*** and ***Superman #s 16 & 17.***

•***Superman: New Krypton Volume 4 TP,*** collecting ***Superman: New Krypton #s 6-12.***

•***Tales of Batman: Gene Colan Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Batman #s 340, 343-345, & 348-351*** and ***Detective #s 510, 512, 517, 528, & 529.***

•***The Twilight Experiment TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries.

Coming Comics—Vertigo/DC in May

Novelist *Gary Phillips,* author of the Ivan Monk tales, joins with artist *Brian Hurtt* to present ***Cowboys HC,*** an original graphic novel about violence and race in modern society. ***Cowboys*** revolves around a racially motivated police shooting of Deke Kotto, a young African American man, by Tim Brady, a white undercover cop, inside a swanky club frequented by hip-hop stars, gangsters, Hollywood celebs and the drug kingpins that finance the whole operation. But the victim is actually an undercover officer on the trail of the gangsters, caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Vertigo premieres a new original science fiction anthology in May with the release of ***Strange Adventures #1.*** The lead feature of this eighty-page collection is the first chapter of the new series ***Spaceman*** by *Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso,* the acclaimed creators of ***100 Bullets.*** Other contributors include *Scott Snyder, Peter Milligan, Jeff Lemire, Kevin Colden,* and *Paul Pope.*

Chris Roberson & Michael Allred launch the real-time tale "5 Brains, 5 Months" in ***iZombie #13.*** In May, 2011, zombie girl Gwen and her friends solve a mystery just in time to keep an even more mysterious appointment with Amon, the sexy mummy, while the vampire girls add a new member to their number and the monster hunters prowl the streets.

Vertigo collected editions (advance solicited for June release) include:

•***Stuck Rubber Baby TP,*** a new edition of the acclaimed graphic novel by *Howard Cruse.*

•***Sweet Tooth Volume 3: Animal Armies TP,*** collecting ***Sweet Tooth #s 12-17.***

Coming from DC Direct

Timed to coincide with the premiere of the ***Green Lantern*** film, DC Direct has a number of collectibles, including the ***Green Lantern (Movie) Hal Jordan Maquette, Green Lantern (Movie) Kilowog Bust, Green Lantern (Movie) Guardian Bust, Green Lantern (Movie) Tomar Re Bust, Green Lantern (Movie) Sinestro Bust, Green Lantern (Movie) Hal Jordan Emerald Energy Statue, Green Lantern (Movie) Hal Jordan Bust, Green Lantern (Movie) 1:4 Scale Hal Jordan Deluxe Bust, Green Lantern (Movie 1:4 Scale Sinestro Deluxe Bust, Green Lantern (Movie) Green Lantern Power Battery Prop Replica,*** and the ***Green Lantern (Movie) Green Lantern Power Ring Prop Replica.*** (June)

Ivan Reis' art is the basis for the *Jim Shoop*-sculpted ***Heroes of the DC Universe: Blackest Night Black Lantern Nekron Bust.*** The sculpture features Nekron atop a special base that displays the spectrum of lantern symbols. (Oct)

SPIDER-MAN

BY STAN LEE & LARRY LIEBER

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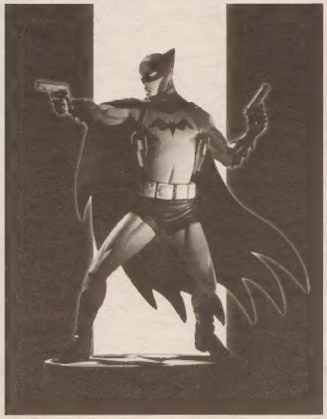
The series of light-up power batteries and rings continues with the ***Blackest Night: Black Lantern 1:4 Scale Power Battery and Ring Prop Replica Set.*** The battery and ring sit in a translucent display and are removable from the stand. Both light up, featuring manual on/off switches. (Oct)

DC Direct's Ame-Comi series continues with the release of the ***Ame-Comi Heroine Series Cheetah (v.1) Stealth Variant PVC Figure*** and the ***Ame-Comi Heroine Series Zatanna (v.1) Halloween Variant PVC Figure,*** both designed by *Udon Studios.* (Oct)



The striking ***First Wave*** art of *Cliff Chiang* is the inspiration for latest monochromatic Dark Knight sculpture. ***Batman Black & White Statue: Batman by Cliff Chiang,*** sculpted by *Paul Harding,* stands 7.25" high on a Bat logo-shaped base. (Oct)

The June-release ***Green Lantern: Emerald Knights*** OVA DVD feature is the inspiration for the ***Green Lantern: Emerald Knights DVD Sinestro Maquette,*** sculpted by *Robert Lynders.* (July)

The *Kelley Jones*-illustrated ***Batman Vampire Trilogy*** is the inspiration for the ***Batman: Vampire Mini Statue,*** a 7.25" tall sculpture by *William Paquet.* (Oct)

Coming Comics—Marvel in May

The Sinister Six take on Spider-Man and the Future Foundation in *Dan Slott's* ***Amazing Spider-Man #660.*** Then Spidey substitutes at the Avengers Academy in ***Amazing Spider-Man #661 & 662.***

When a top-secret orbital research station is dragged from the sky by an unknown alien force, Steve Rogers finds himself caught between two global superpowers on the brink of war in *Andy Diggle & Adi Granov's* ***Astonishing Captain America #1.***

The God of Fear has come to Earth—and the only thing standing between it and world domination are Earth's Mightiest Heroes! Witness the confrontation in ***Avengers #13,*** a ***Fear Itself*** tie-in by *Brian Bendis & Chris Bachalo.*

The Young Allies guest-star in ***Avengers Academy Giant-Size #1*** by *Paul Tobin & David Baldeon.* The problems begin when Arcade decides to rebuild his tarnished rep by defeating a superteam... and what team could be easier to beat than the Avengers Academy and the Young Allies?

T'Challa takes on Vlad the Impaler in ***Black Panther: The Man Without Fear #518*** by *David Liss & Francesco Francavilla...* and Marvel promises there's a shock ending to this confrontation!

Fred Van Lente & Luke Ross present the official comics prequel to the upcoming ***Captain America*** film in ***Captain America: First Vengeance,*** a four-part limited series. Cap has inspired millions.. but what—or who—was his inspiration? How did he meet his best friend, "Bucky" Barnes? And what set him on the path to becoming the First Avenger?

Marvel's Point One Initiative continues in ***Daken: Dark Wolverine #9.1*** by *Rob Williams &*

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Giuseppe Camuncoli. Wolverine's son Daken has already singlehandedly taken over the underground criminal element of Madripoor, but he's just getting started. Now Daken's heading to Hollywood!

Deadpool teams up with Deadpool (well… Deathwish) in ***Deadpool Annual #1***, a *John Layman-Lee Garbett* tale that Marvel describes as "an alternate reality doppelganger extravaganza!"

Marvel launches its own line of Disney•Pixar comics with the 96-page ***Disney•Pixar Presents Cars Magazine #1***. The line launches with reprints of material originally produced by Boom Studios; look for new material to follow later on.

The Mighty Thor finds himself imprisoned by his own father in *Matt Fraction & Stuart Immonen's* ***Fear Itself #2***. Meanwhile, the Avengers and the world's remaining heroes battle the unstoppable tide of terror! And then... the Serpent's Hammers fall! Who are the Worthy?

As ***Fear Itself*** sets in, Peter Parker has not slept in days. Abandoning his friends and family, Spider-Man cannot… *will* not… stop if there are people to be saved. But will Spidey have what it takes to fight his own doubts? *Christopher Yost & Mike McKone* answer that question in ***Fear Itself: Spider-Man #1***.

As the effects of The Serpent spread among the populace, Speedball is in the most hostile territory imaginable: Stamford, Connecticut, whose people blame him for six hundred deaths. And it's about to get worse, as he must go up against one of the Serpent's elite vanguard alone in ***Fear Itself: The Home Front #2***.

The young heroes of ***Avengers: The Initiative*** find themselves joining forces with Firestar, Gravity, and others in ***Fear Itself: Youth in Revolt***, a six-part tie-in series by *Sean McKeever & Mike Norton*.

Jonathan Hickman & Steve Epting launch the War of Four Cities in ***FF #4***. In order to prevent the war from spreading outwards to all areas of the globe, the FF spring into action to stem the tide of death and destruction. What chance does anyone have when all hope lies in Doom?

Stripped of his powers, Herc must change everything he knows about being a hero to win against an army of monsters and super villains in ***Herc #3***, a ***Fear Itself*** tie-in.

Iron Man races to Paris, France, to encounter one of "The Worthy" waiting there for him in ***Invincible Iron Man #504***, a ***Fear Itself*** tie-in by *Matt Fraction & Salvador Larroca*.

One of the major villains of ***Fear Itself*** shows up to claim his power and wreak havoc right in ***Iron Man 2.0 #5*** by *Nick Spencer & Ariel Olivetti*.

Loki is the first to discover the secret behind ***Fear Itself*** in ***Journey Into Mystery #623***... problem is, no one trusts or believes him!

Nothing captures the holiday season quite like the walking dead—and that's where ***Marvel Zombies Christmas Carol***, a five-part series written by *Jim McCann*, comes in. The fun begins when Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the undead corpse of his old friend Jacob Marley on Christmas Eve...

In *Matt Fraction & Olivier Coipel's* ***The Mighty Thor #2***, the Silver Surfer drops by with a news tidbit: Galactus is coming! Will Thor be strong enough to confront him after having exhausted his powers during his odyssey to the World Tree?

Moon Knight is returning, courtesy of *Brian Bendis & Alex Maleev*—but you've never seen Moon Knight quite like this before! And you know these guys can deliver—after all, they had more than a little success with that Daredevil guy...

The Annual Event of 2011 comes to a conclusion in ***Namor: The First Mutant Annual #1***. The X-Men! Steve Rogers! The Negative Zone! Blastaar is targeting heroes... but it turns out that he may not be their biggest problem. You see, the lack of water and bizarre physics of the Negative Zone had driven Namor crazy... and a crazy Namor is a *real* problem.

Who were the first Avengers? That is the question that *Brian Bendis, Mike Deodato, & Howard Chaykin* answer in ***New Avengers #12***.

Locked in a high-security prison, his arms and legs in casts and hooked to life support, Frank Castle is at the mercy of every lowlife in the place, dreaming of being the one who finally put him down. But what troubles Frank aren't the attempts on his life, but the memories shaken loose by Bullseye... and you'll learn all about those memories in "Frank," a story arc by *Jason Aaron & Steve Dillon* that launches in ***PunisherMAX #13***.

With humanity facing it's gravest threat yet, Steve Rogers and his Secret Avengers are forced to make some hard choices about what's just in times of war in ***Secret Avengers #13***, a ***Fear Itself*** tie-in by *Nick Spencer & Scot Eaton*.

The Sinister Six are determined to bury Spider-Man for good—and if Spider-Man can't find Aunt May or Mary Jane, they could be going with him. "Death of Spider-Man" continues in ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #158*** by the premiere Ultimate team of *Brian Bendis & Mark Bagley*. Meanwhile, in *Mark Millar & Leinil Yu's* ***Ultimate Comics Avengers Vs. New Ultimates #4***, the confrontation between the two superteams continues—and its ramifications will spill over into the "Death of Spider-Man" saga before it's all over!

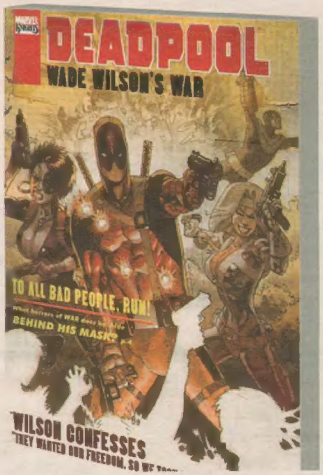
X-Men: Earth's Mutant Heroes #1 offers a collection of handbook-style profiles of Marvel's mutants. complete with character artwork by *Gus Vazquez*.

Something happened to Cyclops, Marvel Girl, Beast, Angel, Iceman and Professor X years ago, a secret so horrible that it has been locked away in the dark corner of Cyclops' mind until today. What crisis strikes in the present that calls upon memories of the past? Find out in ***X-Men Giant Size #1*** by *Christopher Yost & Paco Medina*.

Paul Jenkins, Robert De La Torre, & Giuseppe Camuncoli kick off the X-Men Event of 2011 in ***X-Men: Prelude #s 1 & 2***. What does it mean to be a leader? What does it do to a person? This mini-series delves into these issues and will give an X-Men reader what they need to know about their favorite mutants before everything changes in July.

Marvel collected editions include:

- ***Amazing Spider-Man by David Michelinie & Todd McFarlane Omnibus HC***, collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 296-329*** and material from ***Spectacular Spider-Man Annual #10***.
- ***Avengers: We Are the Avengers TP***, collecting ***I Am an Avenger #s 1-5***.
- ***Captain America: Man Out of Time Premiere HC***, collecting the five-part miniseries along with ***Avengers #4*** (1963).
- ***Captain Britain Volume 1: Birth of a Legend HC***, collecting ***Captain Britain #s 1-39*** and ***Spider-Man & Captain Britain #s 231-232***.
- ***Chaos War: Incredible Hulks TP***, collecting ***Incredible Hulks #s 618-622*** and more.
- ***Chaos War: X-Men TP***, collecting ***Chaos War: X-Men #s 1 & 2, Alpha Flight, Godsquad, Chaos King***, and more.
- ***Deadpool Corps Volume 2: You Say You Want a Revolution Premiere HC***, collecting ***Deadpool Corps #s 7-12***.
- ***Deadpool MAX: Nutjob Premiere HC***, collecting ***Deadpool MAX #s 1-6***.
- ***Deadpool Team-Up Volume 3: BFFs HC***, collecting ***Deadpool #s 888-883*** and ***Wolverine/Deadpool: The Decoy***.
- ***Deadpool: Wade Wilson's War TP***, collecting the four-part miniseries.



- ***Death of Dracula TP***, collecting ***Death of Dracula #1*** and ***Tomb of Dracula #s 54-55 & 59-63***.
- ***Emma Frost Ultimate Collection TP***, collecting ***Emma Frost #s 1-18***.
- ***5 Ronin HC***, collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***Invincible Iron Man Volume 7: My Monsters Premiere HC***, collecting ***Iron Man Annual #1, Invincible Iron Man #s 500 & 500.1*** and more.
- ***Iron Man: War of the Iron Men TP***, collecting ***Iron Man: Legacy #s 1-5*** and more.
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Atlas Era Venus Volume 1 HC***, collecting ***Venus #s 1-9, Lana #4***, and ***Marvel Mystery Comics #91***.

I'M DOING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON SLEEP--
--AIDED BY MY EXPERIMENTATION WITH THESE BATS!
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I WANT TO BE OF SERVICE TO MANKIND--
--TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I ONCE WAS!
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 2-22
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RIGHT! YOU ALSO GOT AN ELECTRIC SHOCK!
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BUT IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 2-23

•***Marvel Masterworks: Daredevil Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Daredevil #s 12-21.***
•***Marvel Masterworks: Daredevil Volume 6 HC,*** collecting ***Daredevil #s 54-63.***
•***The Marvels Project: Birth of the Super Heroes TP,*** collecting the eight-issue series by *Ed Brubaker & Steve Epting.*
•***Mighty Avengers: Dark Reign HC,*** collecting ***Mighty Avengers #s 21-36*** and more.
•***Mystique by Brian K. Vaughan Ultimate Collection TP,*** collecting ***Mystique #s 1-13.***
•***Namor: The First Mutant Volume 2—Namor Goes to Hell TP,*** collecting ***Namor: The First Mutant #s 5-8.***
•***New X-Men by Grant Morrison Book 1 GN,*** collecting ***New X-Men #s 114-117 & Annual 2001*** in a smaller-trim-size edition.
•***Origins of Marvel Comics TP,*** collecting 272 pages of short origin tales of Marvel's best-known heroes.
•***Philip K. Dick's Electric Ant TP,*** collecting the five-part adaptation of the *Philip K. Dick* tale.
•***Powers Volume 1: Who Killed Retro Girl? Premiere HC,*** a redesigned, reformatted, and reworked edition of the first ***Powers*** collection.
•***Punisher: In the Blood TP,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
•***PunisherMAX: Bullseye Premiere HC,*** collecting ***PunisherMAX #s 6-11.***
•***Rocket Raccoon: Guardian of the Keystone Quadrant Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Incredible Hulk #271, Rocket Raccoon #s 1-4,*** and more.
•***Spider-Girl Volume 1: Family Values TP,*** collecting ***Spider-Girl #s 1-5*** and ***Amazing Spider-Man #648.***

•***Spider-Man: The Extremist TP,*** collecting ***Web of Spider-Man #s 8-12.***
•***Spider-Man: Hobgoblin Lives TP,*** collecting ***Spider-Man: Hobgoblin Lives #s 1-3*** and ***Spectacular Spider-Man #s 259-261.***
•***Spider-Man: Matters of Life and Death Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 652-657 & 654.1.***
•***Spidey Sunday Spectacular #1,*** collecting *Stan Lee & Marcos Martin's* faux Sunday strips from the pages of ***Amazing Spider-Man.***
•***Super Hero Squad: A Squad for All Seasons GN,*** collecting ***Super Hero Squad #s 8-12.***
•***Taskmaster: Unthinkable TP,*** collecting ***Taskmaster #s 1-4*** and more.
•***Thor: The Trials of Loki Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Loki #s 1-4.***
•***Thor: The World Eaters Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Thor #s 615-621 & 620.1.***
•***Thunderstrike: Youth in Revolt TP,*** collecting ***Thunderstrike #s 1-5*** and more.
•***Trouble by Mark Millar Premiere HC,*** the controversial teenage-sex tale starring Peter's future parents and his aunt and uncle (no foolin'!).
•***Ultimate Comics Captain America Premiere HC,*** collecting the four-part miniseries and more.
•***Ultimate Comics Doomsday HC,*** collecting the trio of four-part limited series by *Brian Bendis & Rafa Sandoval.*
•***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man Volume 2: Chameleons TP,*** collecting ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #s 7-14.***
•***Ultimate War Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Ultimate War #s 1-4.***
•***X-Men: Age of Apocalypse Prelude TP,*** collecting ***X-Factor #s 108-109, Uncanny X-Men #s 319-321, X-Men #s 38-41,*** and more.
•***X-Men: Fallen Angels Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Fallen Angels #s 1-8.***
•***X-Men: X-Tinction Agenda HC,*** collecting ***Uncanny X-Men #s 235-238 & 270-272, New Mutants #s 95-97,*** and ***X-Factor #s 60-62.***
•***Young Marvelman Classic Volume 1 Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Young Marvelman #s 25-34.***

THE ART OF
DOUG SNEYD

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in May

The cartoon works of *Doug Sneyd,* an artist for ***Playboy*** magazine since the early 1960s, are collected in the 248-page oversized hardcover ***The Art of Doug Sneyd.*** Readers will be charmed with the lovely scantily (and even non-) clad "Sneyd" girls and the one-line jokes they so ably illustrate. This book includes a foreword by ***Playboy*** founder *Hugh Hefner,* an introduction by ***For Better or For Worse*** creator *Lynn Johnston,* and reflections from the artist himself!

Avatar: The Last Airbender—The Lost Adventures is a 240-page volume collecting the long-out-of-print, fan-favorite comics previously published in ***Nickelodeon Magazine*** and with the ***Airbender*** DVDs, supplemented by over seventy brand-new comics pages.

A horrible witch and her zombie servant host a dinner party for a family of corpses, and Hellboy and Roger turn up to blast them all back to hell in ***Hellboy: Being Human,*** a team-up story by *Mike Mignola & Richard Corben* focusing on Roger's early days at the B.P.R.D.
•***Hellboy Library Edition Volume 4 HC,*** an oversized hardcover collecting *Mike Mignola & Richard Corben's* ***Hellboy: The Troll Witch & Others, Hellboy: The Crooked Man,*** and over 30 pages of new sketchbook material.

Jim Silke shares the secret of sexy pinup illustration in ***Nude: The Job of Figure Drawing,*** a 104-page volume that spotlights Silke's artistic approach complete with informative commentary and supplemented by a pair of sexy centerfold inserts.

Robert E. Howard's Savage Sword #2 offers eighty pages of REH material, including tales starring Conan, El Borak, Dark Agnes, Steve Costigan, and more, including *Roy Thomas & Gil Kane's* long out-of-print "The Valley of the Worm," recolored and reprinted in its entirety.

Star Wars: The Clone Wars—The Starcrusher Trap, an original tale by *Mike W. Barr* and *Matt & Shawn Fillbach,* pits Yoda, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Mace Windo, and Ki-Adi Mundi against the menace of the enormous starships The Starcrusher.

Twenty-one years before the events in Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace, Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn is dispatched to prevent the outbreak of a civil war on the homeworld of his Padawan Xanatos—whose father is king. It is a mission that will lead Qui-Gon into close contact with the dark side and start him on a quest that will have a major impact on the future of the Jedi Order—and that contact is te focus of ***Star Wars: Jedi—The Dark Side,*** a five-part miniseries by *Scott Allie & Mahmud Asrar.*

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for June and July release) include:
•***Angel Omnibus,*** a 480-page trade paperback collecting all of Dark Horse's ***Angel*** comics to date, including stories by *Joss Whedon, Brett Matthews,* and others.
•***Blackjacked and Pistol-Whipped: A Crime Does Not Pay Primer TP*** offers 224 pages of classic crime comics reprint material from the pre-code ***Crime Does Not Pay*** series, featuring work by *Charles Biro, Dan Barry, George Tuska, Carmine Infantino, Dick Briefer, Bob Montana,* and others.
•***Creepy Comics Volume 1 TP,*** collecting Dark Horse's new ***Creepy #s 1-4*** and the two full-length stories from ***Myspace Dark Horse Presents.***
•***Creepy Archives Volume 10 HC,*** collecting ***Creepy #s 46-50,*** featuring work by *Richard Corben, Reed Crandall, Jerry Grandenetti,* and others.
•***Dethlok HC,*** collecting ***Dethlok #s 1-3*** and ***Dethlok Vs. The Goon.***
•***Kull Volume 2: The Hate Witch TP,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.

•***Scary Godmother Comic Book Stories TP,*** collecting more than 300 pages of *Jill Thompson* all-ages tales, including a nineteen page full-color sketchbook section.
•***Usagi Yojimbo Volume 25: Fox Hunt TP,*** collecting ***Usagi Yojimbo #s 110-116*** and a tale from ***Myspace Dark Horse Presents #19.***

The ***Bettie Page: Girl of Our Dreams by Dave Stevens Mini-Statue*** is a 7.5" tall version of the sold-out 13" statue offered by Dark Horse last year. *Kent Melton* is the sculptor for this striking figure that captures both Ms. Page's distinctive sensuality and the stylish art style of *Dave Stevens.*

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NEXT TIME YOU COME I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FIANCEE!
I'D LIKE TO MEET HER.
AND SO YOU SHALL.
STRANGE--I WANT TO TRUST HIM--
BUT WHY DO I FEEL I SHOULDN'T?
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 2-25
MICHAEL MORBIUS WAS A KIND MAN...
... EXCEPT WHEN THAT ACCIDENT TURNED HIM INTO A HUMAN VAMPIRE.
STAN LEE / LARRY LIEBER 2-26
THAT'S THE PHONE IN MY CIVVIES!
RRING
WHO COULD BE CALLING ME NOW?
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